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Captain's Corner

By Ted Klosowski

January 2023

Welcome to 2023! The Tycho received some good news, we were awarded a certificate of longevity award for our years in service to Starfleet. Actually we received 2, one for 20 years and another for 25 years. This award was given out until about 10 years or so ago when it stopped. Our new Commander Starfleet, David Nottage has brought it back so to him we say Thank You!

The poll for our best newsletter submission went right down the wire. It was between the September issue TR092022 and the October issue TR102022. Well, the October issue just barely won out, by 1 vote! So I submitted the October issue to Region 1 as our submission for newsletter of the year.

Waverider vs. Waverunner? I don't know if any of you noticed this but in our Tycho story I have been referring to our Waverider as Waverunner. It is officially listed in all documents as Waverider. I have absolutely no idea why I called it Waverunner. I noticed it last month and didn't want to change it mid story so I will continue calling it Waverunner. I was thinking maybe I called it that because the TV show DC Legends time ship was called Waverunner, but I checked and it was actually called Waverider. So I don't know why I called it Waverunner but I will continue to do so at least throughout the end of our story. What do you like, Waverider or Waverunner?

We hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday, February 2, 6:30 pm at Charlie's and on Zoom!

Only in Memories

By Belinda Williams

Dedicated to the memory of Kirstie Alley.

Time seemed to stand still

However, in reality,

That was mere illusion

Imperceptibly, the minute hand

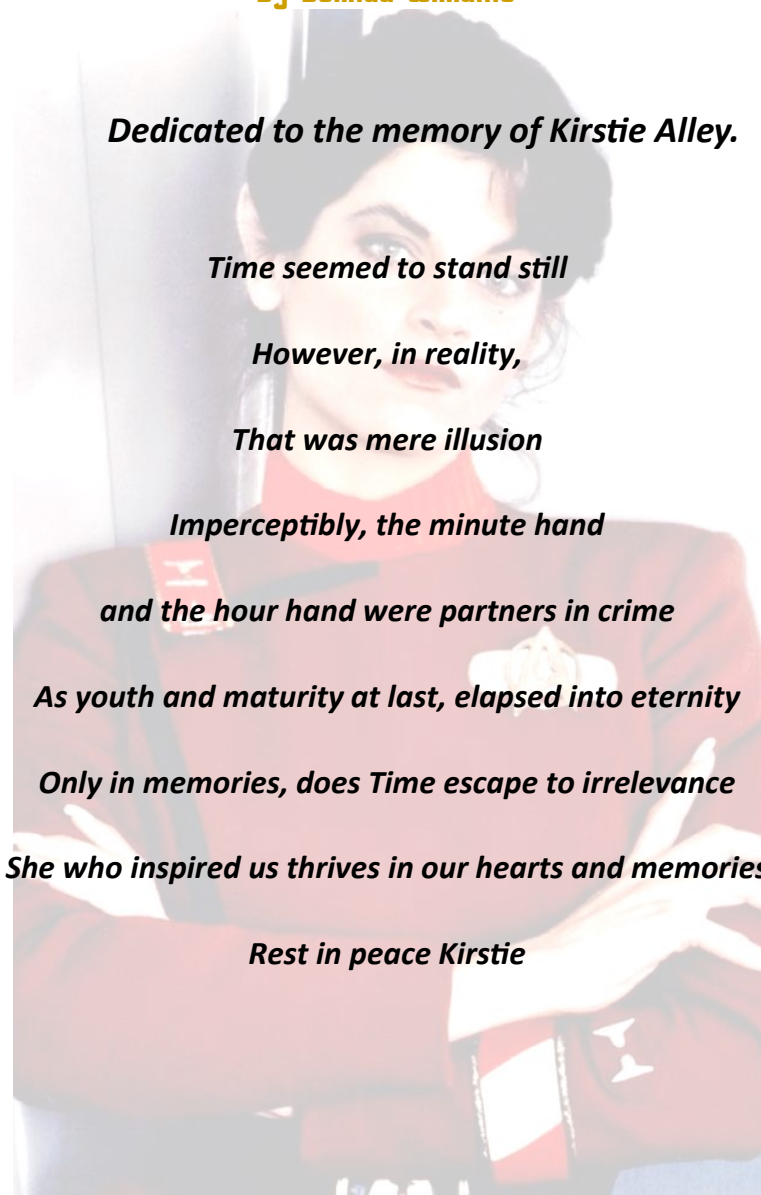
and the hour hand were partners in crime

As youth and maturity at last, elapsed into eternity

Only in memories, does Time escape to irrelevance

She who inspired us thrives in our hearts and memories

Rest in peace Kirstie



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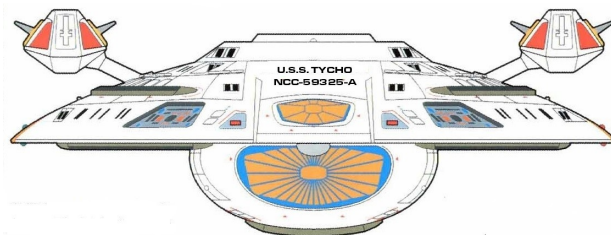
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Dyson Sphere Redux

By Ted Klosowski

Chapter 10



The crew of the Waverunner has just been taken prisoner. Meanwhile, back aboard the Tycho...

"Captain, what just happened?" Linda asks.

"Well, it appears our 'friends' the Hur'q lied to us. They acted forgiving and understanding but it was all just a ruse to catch us off our guard. I am sure the captain is recognizing this now down on the surface," Marchelle replies.

"How long can we stay cloaked, I thought it was a major drain on our power?" Paula asks.

"It used to be back on the old, Oberth Tycho. The new power systems on this ship are extremely efficient so it is hardly noticeable. We can stay cloaked for a very long time," Marchelle answers.

"Captain, we were looking through the logs of the main and secondary deflectors and found something very interesting regarding the Waverunner's entry into the sphere. We were able to pick up a code the Hur'q used to open the hatch," Paula states.

"So are you saying you can use that to open the hatch again if needed?" Marchelle inquires.

"I believe so, it isn't anything really sophisticated or anything, just our main sensors didn't pick it up." Paula replies.

"Very useful, good job. Jerry, have you been able to get any more information on their ships?"

"Yes, indeed captain, they are very small craft, similar to our standard runabout. They are intended to stay fairly close to the sphere with very limited range and armament. And best of all their sensors have not been able to detect us," Jerry replies.

"Captain, I have been monitoring their communications. They truly don't know what happened to us. Some of them believe we were destroyed, while others think we vanished into thin air. Either way they can't explain what happened to us and don't know where we are," Sherriea states.

"Also, captain, it seems their computer systems are somewhat 'behind' times."

"Like they've been sleeping the last 20 years?" Paula interrupts, everyone chuckles.

"Yes, and we can easily penetrate their systems and kind of do whatever we want," Brian interjects.

"Good work crew, I know why our captain often calls us, the best crew in all of Starfleet," Marchelle boldly states while grinning ear to ear!

The adventure continues...

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Tycho: UFO Encounter

By Sherriea and Belinda Williams

Chapter 6: Tycho Takes Evasive Maneuvers

Captain Ted turned toward Alta, "You may engage your personal ship's power field to enable our Federation vessels. At your discretion Governor: Any time now." Chief Engineer Jerry spoke with an air of caution, "Our ships are almost totally devoid of energy." But before he could edit his statement with a caveat, Governor Alta proved further details unnecessary. At mid-sentence, Captain Ted noticed Alta's form accelerate to a blur of motion, his hands moving at blinding speeds. Alta replied, "Affirmative, Captain. I have complied."

Then abruptly, the Tycho bridge crew witnessed Alta disappear from view. He had touched a switch on his belt allowing him intra-ship beaming, which transported him aboard his powerful dimensional time ship. Alta then activated a power network array between his vessel's systems and the powerless Federation ships. His efforts were awarded within seconds of his actions, but to Ted and Paula it seems like hours. Within fifteen minutes, Governor Alta had reappeared within a transporter induced beam of energy. Alta seemed to magically pop back on board the Tycho bridge, his form solidified within his console bridge seat, seemingly, out of thin air. Fleet Captain Ted addressed the other Federation captains, ordering, "On your mark, captains, power up your ships." The bridge became illuminated. All the consoles scintillated in a myriad of colorful hues. Systems were activated, singing out in varied tonalities. Ted raised his thumb in adulation. Alta responded, "Your circuitry indicators will respond at a greater efficiency."

Paula responded, "Helmsmen, take us out of this vortex." The navigator responded, "Aye, aye, captain, reversing our position to our original entry point, at your command." Captain Paula turned to face her shapeshifter compadre, saying, "Thank you, Governor Alta." Alta

acknowledged with a nod while taking a device out of the palm of his hand. It resembled the shape of an old cell phone. In a second, he flipped a power button on the device. The universe seemed to lunge forward with smear of light reminiscent of an event horizon. Light on the viewer stretched into long thin blades of plasma that pointed to a circular shape void.

An eerie sound akin to the notorious nature of sky trumpets, thundered through the ship. Vibrations rattled and shook the deck for nearly an hour. Suddenly, silence rained. All became quiet, with a calm deck and on screen appeared familiar star systems. Suddenly, Commander Sherriea became busy at her communication's console, responding to Starfleet priority hailing channels. Chief Engineer Jerry commented, "I wish Alta could teach me how to pop three heavy star cruisers all around heavenly space like they were toys." Commander Sherriea reported, "Captain Ted, Admiral Janeway on line." Captain Ted ordered, "Open the frequency Commander." Sherriea complied. Janeway was near jubilant. She congratulated The Captain, Alta and the accompanying federation ships on their success so far. She spoke again of Alta's newly acquired skill, having mastered her newly minted inter-dimensional ship. However, our mission is not yet complete. I must remind everyone that this gigantic alien vessel from the Grays race is still out there and we will soon be encountering them again, but this time we should have the advantage. Remain alert." Captain Ted ordered the two other Federation captains to beam aboard the Tycho and confer in the ready room. Captain Paula rose from her command chair. She ordered, "Remain on yellow alert until further notice. Commander Marchelle, you have the conn."

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Dessert Recipes

Tycho Christmas Party Favorites

Lumps of Coal

Submitted by Chrissy Hart

Ingredients

1/2 stick of butter
 2/3 of a bag of mini-marshmallows
 2 sleeves of Oreos, chopped/crushed up in a food processor

Directions

Melt the butter in a pan on low heat. Mix in the marshmallows. Keep stirring while they melt. Non-stick surfaces and metal utensils are recommended. Keep stirring for 2 minutes after the marshmallows are melted. Turn off the burner. Mix in the Oreos.

Grease a cookie sheet or spray with cooking spray. Gather portions and form the lumps of coal. Place on the cookie sheet to cool for about half an hour.

Vicki's Apple Kuchan, Otherwise Known as **Apple Crack** at Lake Middle School. This is really easy and really tasty.

Submitted by Donna-marie Mominee

Ingredients

1 box of yellow cake mix (don't make according to directions)

1/2 cup of butter; cut into cake mix like pie dough!

1/2 cup of coconut; add into the cake mix

Directions

Pat the mixture lightly into a 9 x 13 oblong pan, and bake at 350 for about 10 minutes.

1 can of drained sliced peaches or apples, or 2 1/2 cups of sliced fresh apples. Precook fresh apples for about 2 minutes in the microwave.

Put fruit on warm crust.

Mix 1/2 cup of sugar and 1 tablespoon of cinnamon together and sprinkle over the fruit.

1 cup of sour cream

1 egg

Mix and pour over everything.

Bake for 25 minutes or until light brown. Be careful not to overbake!



- 1) **Name:** Linda Fotoples
- 2) **Rank:** Midshipman
- 3) **How long have you been a member of the Tycho?** 1997—2000 and 2014—present
- 4) **What is your favorite Star Trek series?** Strange New Worlds
- 5) **Who is your favorite Star Trek character?** Spock
- 6) **Pets and/or favorite hobbies?** 5 Toy Fox Terriers—Jakey, Molly, Pepper, Floyd and Henry. Cooking and baking.
- 7) **Favorite Food?** All of them!
- 8) **Favorite place you have visited?** Upper Peninsula Michigan.
- 9) **What dream do you have yet to fulfill?** I'd still like to do more traveling.
- 10) **Favorite all time movie?** Star Trek IV
- 11) **Favorite color?** Blue

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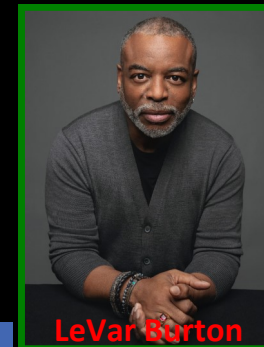
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They Say It's Your Birthday!

- February 1 Bibi Besch (Dr. Carol Marcus STII)
- February 2 Brent Spiner (Mr. Data TNG)
- February 6 Alice Eve (Dr. Carol Marcus ST09, STID)
- February 8 Ethan Phillips (Neelix VOY)
- February 14 Andrew Robinson (Garek DS9)
- February 14 Simon Pegg (Scotty ST09 STID)
- February 16 LeVar Burton (Geordi La Forge TNG)
- February 17 Adam Gorrell / USS Tycho
- February 17 Michelle Forbes (Ro Laren TNG)
- February 22 Jeri Ryan (7 of 9 VOY PIC)
- February 23 Majel Barrett Roddenberry (Dr. Chapel Lwaxanna Troi TOS TNG)
- February 24 Michael Gedert / USS Tycho
- February 25 Anson Mount (Christopher Pike DSC SNW)
- February 26 Chase Masterson (Leeta DS9)



Brent Spiner



LeVar Burton



Jeri Ryan



Anson Mount

Tycho Winter Weather Policy

The USS Tycho Winter Weather Policy is if Lucas County declares a Level 1 or greater Snow Emergency by 4:00 PM on the day of a Tycho meeting, the meeting at Charlie's will be canceled and the Tycho meeting will be held on Zoom!

We want everyone to be safe if the roads are bad.



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NCC 59325-A

*in honor of successfully completing Twenty-Five years of service as a commissioned
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Chief Medical Officer Report

By Donna-Marie Mominæe

How Dreams Defend Our Brains

Background: Two-year-old lost his vision to retinal cancer. By the time he was seven years old he was successfully using echolocation (clicking with his mouth) to find his way about. Echolocation is generally not considered probable in humans, but the blind have basically perfected the technique. Our brains have tremendous adaptability from evolution.

Anytime we learn something our brains change. Neurons are in charge, interconnected, rapidly processing information and finding better channels. This is called brain plasticity; assuming new shapes and holding onto them. New studies suggest flexibility is much nuanced as in "live wired," 86 billion neurons, 0.2 quadrillion connections that rewrites itself every moment. Rapidity seems to be the key. Brain activity rewires itself in the newly blind, but also in temporary blindness (aka night time). An experiment using participants being blindfolded and those who were not demonstrated very clearly the blindfolded learned Braille 5 times more quickly than the sighted. This showed that the visual cortex was co-opted, recruited to help with the touch sense.

So, how does this relate to dreaming? Our visual cortex is thrown into temporary blindness every night. Other sense centers are ceaselessly competing for usable areas of the brain. It appears that while parts of the brain are trying to use "all" parts that seem available, certain parts are also defending themselves against that. In a defensive action dream sleep exists to keep the neurons in the visual cortex active to prevent takeover by any other senses.

Our dream sleep consists of REM (Rapid Eye Movement) approximately every 90 minutes. This is the time when the majority of

dreaming occurs. Special neurons pour activity into the visual cortex so that we experience vision when our eyes are closed. This also strongly suggests the dream sleep is also biologically important – studies in progress!

This defensive activation theory also gives some clear predictions about dreaming. Brain flexibility diminishes with age, and thus, so does REM. In human infants, REM accounts for half their sleep time. In the elderly only 18% of sleep time is REM. Less flexibility, less REM. Studies were broadened across 25 other primate species to test this theory. The species with the most flexibility spent more time in REM.

Dream flexibility is so fundamental that it is found in those who were born blind, or went blind at an early age. They process dreams as touch, hearing and smell. Defensive activation theory also helps explain hallucinations during long periods of darkness. It also indicates a more general principle: our brains have evolved to produce specific circuitry to generate activity to compensate for periods of deprivation. This could happen during regular and predictable "darkness," during or because of damage to the input path – tinnitus, phantom leg syndrome, or, of course, when deprivation is unpredictable, thus hallucinations.

Dreams are still perplexing philosophers, poets and priests. But it appears that dream sleep exists, at least in part, to prevent our other senses from taking over the visual cortex when it is being unused. Dreams are a counterbalance against too much flexibility!

"Dreams may be better understood as the strange love child of brain plasticity and the rotation of the planet."

David Eagleman: Neuroscientist at Stanford U, author of Live-wired

Don Vaughn: Neuroscientist at ULCA

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Science and Sci-Fi News

Submitted by Ted Klosowski

Star Trek: Picard's Final Season Won't End Well For Every TNG Hero



'Star Trek: Picard' Season 3 teaser builds ex-



citement for upcoming final trailer



Fanhome Revives Eaglemoss Enterprise-D Build Program



New Faces Join Star Trek: Strange New Worlds



Star Trek Insider Casts Doubt on Future Franchise Movies



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At The Movies

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93 min.

[The Amazing Maurice](#)



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Animation Maurice, a streetwise ginger cat, has the perfect money-making scam. He finds a kid who plays a pipe, and he also befriends his very own horde of strangely educated,

talking rats – so Maurice can no ... [\[+\]](#)

[Toby Genkel](#), [Florian Westermann](#)

[Hugh Laurie](#), [Emilia Clarke](#), [David Thewlis](#) ...

February 3



[Little Dixie](#)



2022

Thriller Doc facilitates a fragile truce between the Governor and Cartel, trading prosecutorial leniency for finance. With no

more truce, Doc is left to fend for himself and protect the one untainted thing in ... [\[+\]](#)

[John Swab](#)

[Frank Grillo](#), [Eric Dane](#), [Annabeth Gish](#) ...

February 15



[Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey](#)



2023

Horror Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey follows Pooh and Piglet as they go on a rampage after Christopher Robin abandons them.

[Rhys Frake-Waterfield](#)

[Amber Doig-Thorne](#), [Danielle Scott](#), [Maria Taylor](#) ...

February 17



[Ant-Man and The Wasp: Quantumania](#)



2023

Sci-Fi

[Peyton Reed](#)

[Paul Rudd](#), [Evangeline Lilly](#), [Michelle Pfeiffer](#)

February 24



[Cocaine Bear](#)



2023

Thriller It tells the story of a drug runner whose plane crashes with a load of cocaine that's found by a black bear, who eats it.

[Elizabeth Banks](#)

[Keri Russell](#), [Christian Convery](#), [Ray Liotta](#) ...

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U.S.S. Tycho Minutes

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Commanding Officer: Ted Klosowski

Recording Officer: Marchelle Lee

Location: Charlie's on Central and Zoom

In attendance: Bob, Mike, Donna-marie, Linda, Dianne, Guy, Brian, Jerry, Diana, Chrissy, Lisa, and Wynnie

Reviewed Winter Weather Policy: When Lucas County has a Level 1 or greater, the meeting will be held via Zoom only. No meeting will be held at Charlie's.

Let Ted know your selection for the Region One Awards newsletter competition.

Will do the Bylaws and Handbook updates once Donna-marie is back.

Avatar and Puss N Boots were both good movies.

Denny and Donna-marie are enjoying good restaurants. Went to the Telescience Museum and the Savoy Car Museum, both of which are excellent.

Jerry – Plant almost shut down. Due to the strong wind, the lake level went down and the plant didn't have the required water level.

Dianne – Lots of family stuff.

Chrissy – Had work done on legs. Helping parents close business.

Lisa – Survived Christmas. Lake was frozen so you could walk from Marblehead to Huron. Freighters were stuck.

Linda – Hand is starting to work. Henry is 7 lbs and is fixed. He chewed up a collar.

Dianne – Solvent! Went to Lights at the Zoo with family members.

Brian – New knee. Is printing 3D clothing. Printed a skirt for co-play.

Guy – Was playing with a smoke ring gun he got as a child from the 1947 or 1948 Sears and Roebuck catalog. Brian will try to make it operable again.

Newsletter deadline is January 14, and the next meeting date is February 2.

Next meeting is February 2, 2023

Charlie's @ 6:00 and Zoom @6:30

Be there or be a tribble.



Fortune Cookie Quote

**An easy way to burn 1200 calories?
Leave the pizza in the oven too long.**

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From the Chaplain

By Justin Hunt

Examining Our Codes

The beginning of each year is a time of reflection for me. It is a time when I take a few moments and think about what code I live by. We live in a society where codes are regularly criticized by those that believe that we must maintain a more fluid dynamic in our moral and ethical behavior. That is a point that I ponder as well. It is unfair to dismiss criticism without at least considering the points on which they stand. If these points are cast off simply because they challenge what we currently hold to be true, then what does that say of our beliefs?

Where we sit in history is a point in which we are more freely given this opportunity to evaluate our selves and society than any time before it. This truth really hit home for me with the death of Barbra Walters. She was born in 1929 and had a long life. However, born that same year was Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Anne Frank. Both killed far short of what could even be considered a full life, much less a long life. The reasons behind their deaths are a tribute to the ignorance of times past, and not even long past.

With these details in mind, it is hard to maintain an optimistic view of life. And yet, to give up on mankind, to give up on a hope for forward progress; that is a sin to generations to come. Light comes after darkness. When looking back over our dark times a critical eye will see that the codes that were revered weren't the cause of the darkness. Rather it is in how we have interpreted these ideals and moreover, how they were (or often weren't) put into practice.

Looking back as far as the legends of Charlemagne, a code of conduct can be formed. Plus or minus one or two points regarding religious practice and military significance which have been edited out for length, this code should look familiar to almost any longtime fan of Star Trek. Its tenants are as follows:

To serve the liege lord (national leader) in valor and faith

To protect the weak and defenseless

To give succor (support) to widows and orphans

To refrain from the wanton (frivolous) giving of offence

To live by honor and for glory

To despise pecuniary (monetary) reward

To fight for the welfare of all

To obey those placed in authority

To guard the honor of fellow knights

To eschew (shun) unfairness, meanness and deceit

To keep faith (Hope)

At all times to speak the truth

To persevere to the end in any enterprise begun

To respect the honor of women

Never to turn one's back upon a foe

It has been ideals like these, though in some cases not identical, that have brought us this far. It is implied through Rodenberry's dream that it will be ideals much like this that become a central point in human civilization, not just in word, but in action. But it will be a long time before we can even get to that point much less to the point of using these tenets to reach beyond our civilizations to others. And then, it can only come to pass by people living by the ideals that they claim to profess.

Trek writers set an event called "The Bell Riots" in the year 2024. The riots were named for one person who put his beliefs into action in the worst of circumstances; circumstances worse than what we live in now. Bell's actions set events into motion that led to progress. Our real-world history is full of stories like this. And in these stories, the weight of progress fell on the shoulders of those that lived their beliefs. People like us. It may be a cliché statement, but Rodenberry's dream is built on being the change we wish to see. Let's make it so.

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uP In Space

Submitted by Marchelle Lee

Hubble Gazes at Colorful Cluster of Scattered Stars

"The scattered stars of the globular cluster NGC 6355 are strewn across this image from the NASA/ESA [Hubble Space Telescope](#). NGC 6355 is a galactic globular cluster that resides in our Milky Way galaxy's inner regions. It is less than 50,000 light-years from Earth in the constellation Ophiuchus. Globular clusters are stable, tightly bound groups of tens of thousands to millions of stars that are associated with all types of galaxies. Their dense populations of stars and mutual gravitational attraction give these clusters a roughly spherical shape that holds a bright, central concentration of stars surrounded by an increasingly sparse sprinkling of stars. The dense, bright core of NGC 6355 shines in crystal-clear detail as Hubble is able to resolve individual stars in the crowded area toward the center of this image."

Source: [Nasa.gov](#)

Ritter Planetarium Offerings
Appold Planetarium Offerings

Upcoming Events

*Monthly Meetings*Thursday February 2, 6:00 [Charlie's Central Ave](#) and [Zoom](#)@6:30Thursday March 2, 6:00 [Charlie's Central Ave](#) and [Zoom](#)@6:30Thursday April 6, 6:00 [Charlie's Central Ave](#) and [Zoom](#)@6:30*Extra Curricular*

Thursday February 9, 5:30 Lourdes Appold Planetarium

Check the [Tycho Facebook Page](#) and watch your email for further details

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